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SUBJECT: ITALY TO ANNOUNCE 60 MILLION EURO DONATION AT
PARIS DONORS CONFERENCE

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Classified By: Econ Counselor William R. Meara
for Reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1.(C) MFA Director of Middle East and Balkans Assistance Antonello De Riu told Econoff that Italy is planning to announce a sixty million Euro contribution at the Paris donors conference to support Palestinian reform and capacity building (reftel). Italy also will funnel 20 million Euros to support the Palestinian Authority through Italy's contributions to international organizations. De Riu added that the pledge is separate from Italy's 115 million Euro assistance package for the Palestinian Authority that is funded, but has not yet been disbursed. While noting that Minister D'Alema had wanted to attend the conference, De Riu said Deputy Minister Sentinelli will lead Italy's delegation. De Riu confirmed that D'Alema was trying to change his schedule and said he would inform post if there are any changes.

12. (C) Poloff delivered reftel points to Israel/Palestinian Affairs desk officer Giorgia De Parolis December 7. De Parolis said Italy agreed with the U.S. that the success of the December 17 conference will be critical to the success of Israeli-Palestinian peace negotiations - one of Italy's top foreign policy priorities.
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